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## **FISH KILL IN SIBLEY INVESTIGATED**

SIBLEY — A fish kill in Otter Creek at Sibley apparently was caused by contamination entering the stream from a city storm sewer.

The DNR is continuing an investigation into the fish kill that occurred earlier this week. DNR fisheries biologists estimated the fish kill at 1,836 fish, mostly minnows, along a one-third of a mile length of the stream.

Evidence of the dead fish started at a city storm sewer that discharges into an open channel flowing to the creek. The DNR is continuing to work with city officials to try and determine potential sources of pollution that may have entered the storm sewer causing the fish kill.

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## **DNR NAMES CHIEF OF NEW FIELD SERVICES BUREAU**

DES MOINES — Barbara Lynch has been named Bureau Chief of the DNR's new Field Services Bureau, Environmental Services Division Administrator Wayne Gieselman reported Thursday.

Lynch has been with the DNR and its predecessor agencies for 23 years and the supervisor of Field Office 3 in Spencer for the past 12 years, bringing substantial knowledge of field operations to the central office. Lynch will direct the bureau, created during the DNR's recent reorganization, in working with all areas of the department to focus field office activities toward better customer service.

“I am really looking forward to having Barb’s unique view of the agency on our management team,” Gieselman said.

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